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NEWS RELEASE

Turkeys Raised
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2006 Turkeys Raised

North Dakota

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2006 is 1.40 million birds, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistical Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is up 27 percent from the 1.10 million birds raised in 2005 and continues the positive trend that began last year. This is the highest level since 2002 when 1.90 million were raised.

United States

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 is 265 million, up 3 percent from the number raised during 2005.

The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2006. Minnesota, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 1 percent increase from last year. North Carolina ranks second with 37.0 million birds, up 3 percent from 2005. Arkansas is in third place by producing 30.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago. Virginia, at 22.5 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2005. Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2006, up 5 percent from the previous year. California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 7 percent more than a year earlier.

Turkeys Raised: Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Birds</i>	<i>1,000 Birds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Dakota	1,100	1,400	127
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101
North Carolina	36,000	37,000	103
South Dakota	4,600	4,400	96
United States	256,270	264,874	103

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